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December 3, 2007

Renee Zito  
Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
1700 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Ms. Renee Zito:

Beginning this fiscal year, the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP) is mandated to assess fees to all licensed and/or certified outpatient alcohol and other drug recovery and treatment facilities regardless of the form of organization or ownership. Previously, non profits were exempt from such fees primarily due to their limited budgets.

According to DADP staff, the Department convened a series of meetings with key stakeholders in anticipation of the new mandate. However, shortly after the Department bulletin issued October 10, 2007 titled, "Assesment Fees for Licensure and Certification of Residential and Outpatient Recovery and/or Treatment Facilities", my office was contacted by several individual drug and alcohol community providers as well as a representative from California Therapeutic Communities, Inc.

The providers had several concerns relating to the manner that the assessment of fees was adopted and the implementation date of the fees. Providers expressed frustration that the assessment was enacted through trailer bill language. They acknowledge DADP's early efforts to convene stakeholders meetings to discuss fees but stated they did not have an opportunity to comment on the final fee structure. Additionally, they expressed disappointment that they were not informed about the trailer bill language until after legislators voted on SB 84. Hence, they had no opportunities to contact their local representatives to express their concerns. Finally, community providers expressed apprehension regarding the immediate implementation date. As you are aware, many providers operate under tight fiscal constraints. Since the implementation of the assessment of fees began this fiscal year, paying the fees created a hardship for many providers.

I believe there is significant value in convening a meeting between yourself, as the leader of Department, and representatives from California Therapeutic Communities, Inc. I

recognize the Department's early effort to be inclusive, however, I believe the concerns raised by the community deserve your attention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Beall Jr.".

Jim Beall, Jr.

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